## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:		Force	<b>√</b> Di	scourt.	☐ U.S.
Enoch Sowah		Squad #7	201901679	1	Abuse	<b>☑</b> 0.		☐ Injury
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Pı	recinct:	18 Mc	. SOL	EO SOL
Sunday, 11/04/2018 10:15 AM		Sidewalk of 2635 Thir Bronx	rd Avenue in the		40	5/4/2	2020	12/19/2020
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	:	Date/Time	Receive	d at CCR	RB
Mon, 02/25/2019 10:57 AM		CCRB	Phone		Mon, 02/2	5/2019 1	0:57 AM	1
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. POF Karla Arvayo	03624	961318	040 PCT					
2. POM Ernesto Bautista	28399	953671	040 PCT					
3. POM Eric Droz	13028	952698	044 PCT					
4. POF Jovanna Woloski	24350	953055	044 PCT					
5. Officers								
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POM Malik Mccloud	30082	954114	040 PCT					
2. POM Ritchie Baez	10754	934440	040 PCT					
3. POM Arie Froimovich	10716	934887	040 PCT					
4. POF Eliana Hernandez	12634	961816	040 PCT					
5. SGT Davon Alston	00136	938326	044 PCT					
6. LT Andrew Johnson	00000	941966	040 PCT					
7. LT Thomas Gross	00000	947050	PSA 7					
8. LT John Trotta	00000	898663	050 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	stigator	Recon	nmendation
A. Officers	Force: O	fficers used physical for	rce against § 87(2)(b)					
B.POM Eric Droz	Abuse: Police Officer Eric Droz threatened \$87(2)(b) with the use of force.							
C.POM Eric Droz	Abuse: Police Officer Eric Droz forcibly removed to the hospital.							
D.POF Jovanna Woloski	Abuse: Police Officer Jovanna Woloski forcibly removed to the hospital							
E.POM Ernesto Bautista	Discourtesy: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista acted discourteously toward §87(2)(b)							
F.POF Jovanna Woloski		esy: Police Officer Jova cously toward § 87(2)(b)	nna Woloski acted					
G.POF Jovanna Woloski	Discourte	esy: Police Officer Jova cously to <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup>	nna Woloski spoke					

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
H.POF Jovanna Woloski	Off. Language: Police Officer Jovanna Woloski made an offensive remark to §87(2)(b)	
I.POF Karla Arvayo	Discourtesy: Police Officer Karla Arvayo spoke discourteously to §87(2)(b)	
J.POM Ernesto Bautista	Discourtesy: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista spoke discourteously to §87(2)(b)	
K.POM Ernesto Bautista	Discourtesy: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista gestured discourteously toward § 87(2)(b)	
L.POM Ernesto Bautista	Off. Language: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista made remarks to §87(2)(b) based upon his gender.	
M.POM Ernesto Bautista	Abuse: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista made sexually suggestive remarks to §87(2)(b)	
N.POM Ernesto Bautista	Off. Language: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista made remarks to §87(2)(b) based upon his ethnicity.	
O.POM Ernesto Bautista	Off. Language: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista made remarks to §87(2)(b) based upon his race.	
P.POM Ernesto Bautista	Force: Police Officer Ernesto Bautista used physical force against \$\frac{8}{5}\$ 87(2) \$\frac{8}{5}\$ 87(2)(6) \$.	
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	
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## **Case Summary**

On February 25, 2019, \$87(2)(b) called the CCRB and filed this complaint.
On November 4, 2018, at approximately 10:15 a.m., in the vicinity of 2635 Third Avenue
in the Bronx, unidentified officers allegedly tackled \$87(2)(6) to the ground (Allegation A:
Force, \$87(2)(9). Police Officer Eric Droz of the 44th Precinct pointed his Taser at
(Allegation B: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(9) ). PO Droz and PO Jovanna Woloski of
the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct forcibly removed § 87(2)(b) to the hospital (Allegations C and D: Abuse of
Authority, \$87(2)(9) ). Police Officer Ernesto Bautista of the 40 <sup>th</sup> Precinct and PO Woloski
acted discourteously towards §87(2)(b) (Allegations E and F: Discourtesy, §87(2)(9)).
PO Woloski spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b) (Allegation G: Discourtesy, \$87(2)(9)),
and made offensive remarks to him (Allegation H: Offensive Language, \$87(2)(9)). PO
Karla Arvayo of the 40 <sup>th</sup> Precinct spoke discourteously to §87(2)(b) (Allegation I:
Discourtesy, \$87(2)(9) ). PO Bautista spoke and gestured discourteously towards
(Allegations J and K: Discourtesy, \$87(2)(9)). PO Bautista made sexually
suggestive remarks to \$87(2)(b) (Allegation L: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(9)), and
made remarks to \$87(2)(b) based upon his gender, race, ethnicity, and race (Allegations M
through O: Offensive Language, \$87(2)(9)  PO Bautista used force against \$87(2)(6)
(Allegation P: Force, \$ 87(2)(9) ). \$ 87(4-b), \$ 87(2)(9)
No arrests or summonses resulted from this incident.
Police officers Droz, Woloski, Arvayo, Eliana Hernandez, Malik McCloud, and Sergeant
Davon Alston recorded this incident on their body worn cameras.
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Findings and Recommendations
Allegation (A) Force: Officers used physical force against § 87(2)(b)
Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Eric Droz threatened \$87(2)(6) with
the use of force.
(BR01) said that he entered a local Deli, located at the corner of
in the Bronx, grabbed an apple pie cake from the shelves, and walked
out of the Deli. §87(2)(b) who was dressed in a New York Mets jersey and had a baseball bat
in his hands, did not recall if he paid for the snack, and acknowledged being intoxicated that day.
crossed the street and headed towards the Patterson Housing Complex,
located near Third Avenue and East 143 <sup>rd</sup> Street. A few minutes later, §87(2)(b) saw four
unidentified officers, none of whom he could describe, walking behind him and ordering him to
stop. §87(2)(b) ignored the officers, and said he refused to stop because he assumed the
officers wanted to arrest him for failing to pay for the snack from the Deli. The officers allegedly
tackled \$87(2)(b) to the ground from behind. Two of the officers allegedly fell on top of

PO Droz (BR02) and PO Woloski (BR03), identified via investigation, said that they were stationed in front of the Deli as part of the New York Marathon police detail, when an unidentified employee of the Deli approached them, pointed at \$37(2)(5) and said \$37(2)(5) failing to pay for

officers, but the officers eventually handcuffed him and sat him up against a fire hydrant.

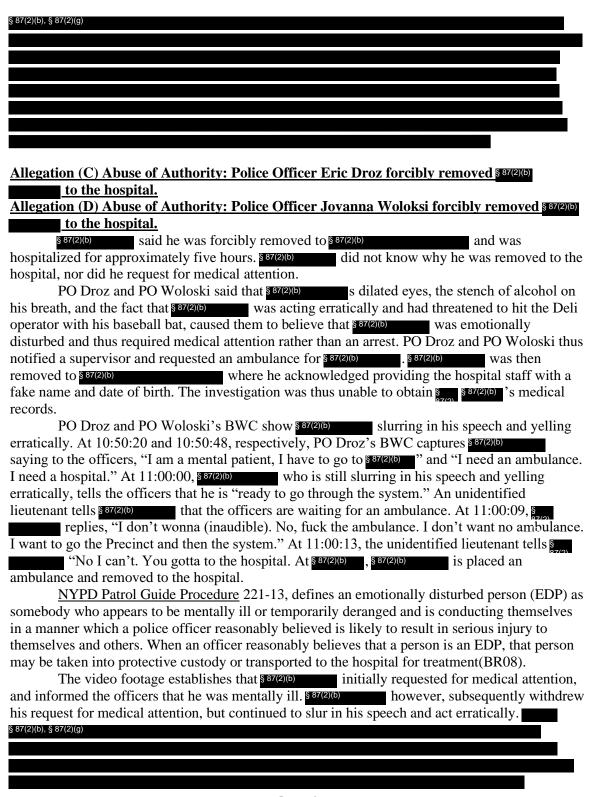
did not sustain any injuries as a result of this incident.

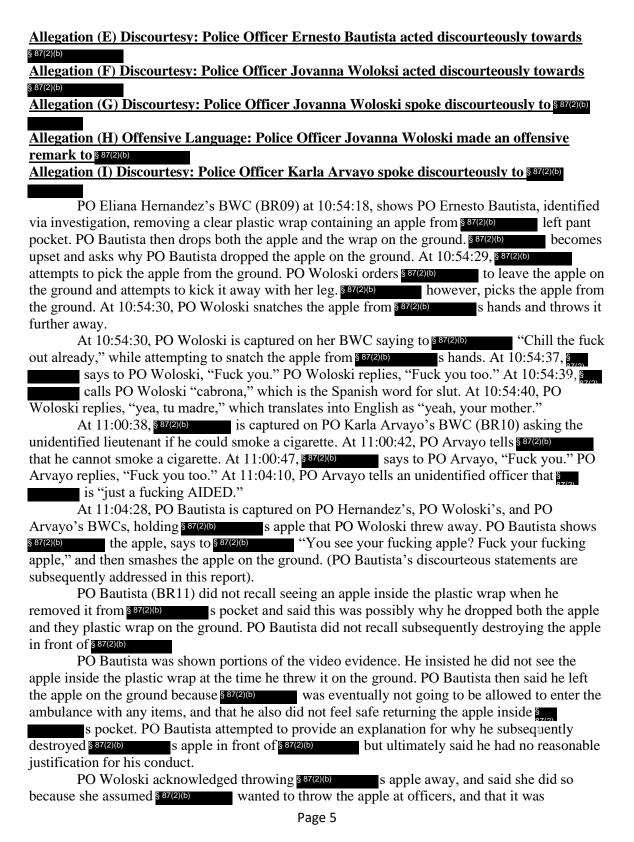
and tried to bring \$87(2)(b) s hands behind his back. \$87(2)(b) struggled with the

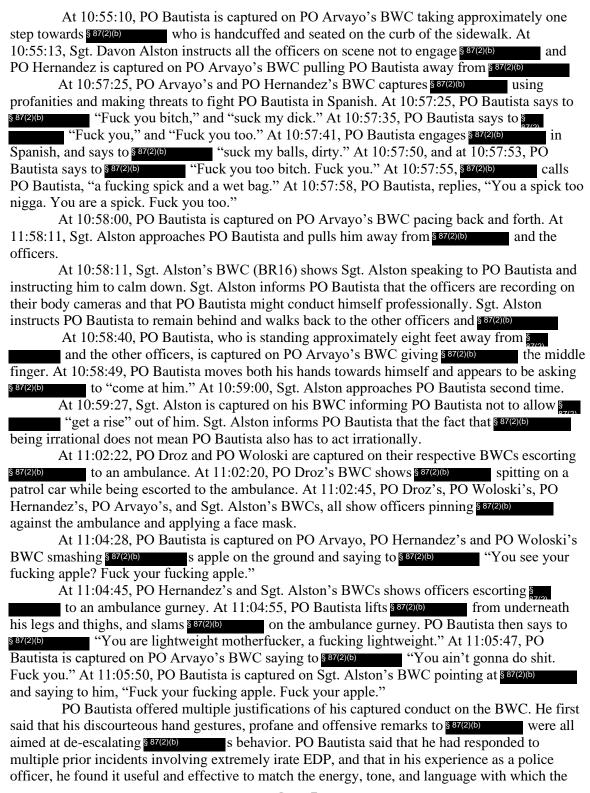
food items he had taken from the Deli. PO Droz and PO Woloski followed \$87(2)(b)

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ordered him multiple times to stop. § \$7(2)(b) who was approximately 10 feet ahead of the officers, ignored the officers and kept walking. PO Droz and PO Woloski approached and stood in front of \$87(2)(b) stopped, and began to yell and scream at the officers. PO Droz and PO Woloski did not understand anything \$87(2)(b) said, except that he spoke erratically and irrationally. PO Droz and PO Woloski smelled alcohol on \$87(2)(b) s breath. observed that \$87(2)(b) were dilated, and that he had food particles all over his mouth and beard. §87(2)(6) had both his hands inside his pocket, and had a baseball bat tucked behind his back. PO Droz and PO Woloski ordered \$87(2)(b) multiple times to show them his hands, but \$87(2)(b) velling and made erratic statements, none of which the officers understood. PO Droz pulled and pointed his Taser at \$87(2)(b) and ordered him a final time to show the officers his hands. PO Droz said he pointed his Taser at \$87(2)(6) because § s refusal to show his hands, coupled with the fact that he had easy access to the baseball bat and was possibly intoxicated, caused PO Droz to fear for his and PO Woloski's safety, and that of the civilians on the sidewalk, \$\overline{80}(2)(b)\$ showed the officers his hands, at which point PO Woloski and PO Droz handcuffed him and removed the baseball bat. PO Droz and PO Woloski said there were no additional officers on scene at the time they handcuffed \$87(2)(b) and that at no point during this incident was §87(2)(b) tackled or brought to the ground. PO Droz's and PO Woloski's BWC (BR04-BR05) shows PO Droz and PO Woloski standing with § 87(2)(b) who is double cuffed, and holding \$87(2)(b) by his arms and shoulders. At 10:49:24, PO Droz's BWC shows \$87(2)(b) rolling his lips in what appears to be an attempt to gather spit. At 10:49:38, \$87(2)(b) turns towards PO Droz, at which point PO Droz places his right wrist on the side of \$87(2)(b) s neck and pushes \$87(2)(b) s head away from him. At 10:51:04, four additional uniformed officers appear to arrive on scene. At 10:49:54, \$87(2)(b) slurs in his speech and repeatedly yells, "The 40<sup>th</sup> Precinct is trying to kill me." PO Droz and PO Woloski order \$87(2)(b) multiple times to calm down, but he ignores them and continues to yell. At 10:51:24, § 87(2)(b) voluntarily sits on the stoop of the sidewalk, while the officers stand around him. None of the six BWC videos depict \$87(2)(b) being brought to ground at any point during this incident, nor do they depict PO Droz pointing his Taser at § 87(2)(b) NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01, permits officers to use force when it is reasonable to ensure their safety or a third person, and to gain compliance and prevent escape from custody (BR06), NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-08, states that conducted electrical weapon (CEW) should only be used against persons who are actively resisting, exhibiting active aggression, or to prevent individuals from physically injuring themselves or other persons actually present. Active resistance includes physically evasive movements to defeat a member of the services' attempt at control. Active aggression consists of a threat or overt act of an assault (through physical or verbal means), coupled with the present ability to carry out the threat or assault, which reasonably indicates that an assault or injury to any person is imminent (BR07). The BWC does not depict the initial interaction between § 87(2)(b) PO Droz, and PO Woloski, and consequently does not depict PO Droz pointing his Taser at \$87(2)(b) being allegedly brought to the ground prior to being placed in handcuffs. The footage, however, contradicts \$37(2)(b) so claim that he was tackled to the ground by four uniformed officers, and establishes that PO Droz and PO Woloski were the sole officers to engage and handcuff § 87(2)(b) All the other officers arrived on scene after § 87(2)(b) was handcuffed. § 87(2)(g) Page 3







EDP interacted with officers, and that doing so most often than not caused the EDP to calm down
and cooperate with officers. PO Bautista said that given that \$87(2)(b) was using profanities
towards officers, he believed using profanities towards [887(2)(b)] and matching [87(2)(b)]
s tone and language would help calm \$87(2)(5) down.
PO Bautista then said that he did not find calling \$87(2)(b) "a nigga" to be offensive
or derogatory because he grew up in a neighborhood where the term was used colloquially and
affectionally amongst people in the community. PO Bautista finally said that his captured conduct
on the BWC were borne out of frustration with \$87(2)(b) s behavior, and that he was not
going to allow §87(2)(b) regardless of being EDP, to verbally assault and threaten him. PO
Bautista denied slamming § 87(2)(b) onto the gurney, and said he was overpowered by § 7(2)
s 87(2)(b) 's weight, and thus s 87(2)(b) as a result fell onto the gurney when PO Bautista
attempted to place him on the gurney.
As discussed earlier, Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09, entreats all officers to be courteous
and respectful in their interactions with members of the public, and while DAO-DCT Disciplinary
<u>Case No. 2017-17005B</u> , permits officers use of profane remarks during stressful and chaotic
situations, Patrol Guide Procedure 203-10, expressly prohibits officers from making remarks
about a person's gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. Patrol
Guide Procedure 221-01, also allows officers to use reasonable force to gain compliance.
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)

• § 87(2)(b) allega	has been party to two CCRB complaints and has been a named victim itions (BR17)
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CCRE	rvayo has been a member-of-service for three years and has been a subject in two complaints and six allegations, one of which was exonerated, and the other of
which	is pending Board Review. § 87(2)(9)
	nutista has been a member-of-service for six years and has been a subject in several complaints and 18 allegations, of which six were substantiated
0	Case #201506161 involved substantiated allegations of a chokehold and an unspecified use of force against PO Bautista. The Board recommended charge
0	but the NYPD rendered a not guilty verdict.  Case #201701649 involved substantiated allegations of a stop, frisk, and sear
J	of a person against PO Bautista. The Board recommended Command Level
0	Instructions, the NYPD recommended Formalized Training. Case#201809463 involved a substantiated discourtesy word allegation against
O	PO Bautista. The Board recommended Command Disciple A. The NYPD is to impose discipline.
0	PO Bautista has a total of six prior force and two discourtesy allegations again him.
	oloski has been a member-of-service for seven years and has been a subject in
	complaints and three allegations, none of which were substantiated, \$37(2)(9)

- declined to mediate this complaint.
- As of August 30, 2019, the New York City Office of the Comptroller had no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regards this to complaint (BR18).

• [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86	(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]	8)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]			
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